

Where and When are the Training Session?

All sessions take place at the Hilton Garden Inn in Dover, Delaware.

Eight, two-day sessions are held once a month from February through September. Each session begins at noon on Friday and concludes late afternoon on Saturday.

Receive Training and Education on:

- History of the Disability movements
- Inclusive Education
- Community Supports and Supported Employment
- Vision for the Future and Planning Process
- Assistive Technology
- Local, State and Federal Policy and Legislative Issues
- How to meet Public Officials and give Legislative Testimony
- Community Organizing
- Working with the Media
- Holding Effective Meetings and More!

Comment from Participants

- *"The speakers are so knowledgeable."*
- *"I will be able to take these skills back to my son's school and be more tactful and upbeat about partnering with the school."*
- *"The wealth of resources I received at the Partners sessions is staggering."*
- *"If I were not in the Partners in Policymaking, I would still be in the dark about disability issues."*



How Can I Apply?

For an application form or more information, contact:

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Partners in Policymaking

***A Leadership Training Program
for parents of children with
developmental disabilities and
adults with disabilities.***

Presented by the:
Delaware Developmental
Disabilities Council

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What is Partners in Policymaking?

Partners in Policymaking is an innovative Leadership Training Program that teaches people to be community leaders. The program is designed for parent raising you or school-aged children with a developmental disability* or young adults with developmental disabilities.

Partners provides up-to-date information, education and skill building activities about the legislative process and local, state, and national issues that affect individuals with disabilities.

Partners in Policymaking was developed by the Minnesota Governor's Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities. The program has been offered in 40 states, as well as in Great Britain and the Virgin Islands. More than 21,000 people have been trained nationwide.

"Partners" participants are people who are ready to work for change in public policy. The overall goal of the program is to foster a PARTNERSHIP between people who need and use services for disabilities and those who make public policy.

Partners graduates gain the abilities to teach policymakers a new way of thinking about people with disabilities.

Who should participate in Partners?

Each year, a limited number of people are selected through an application process to participate in the program. The project seeks highly motivated men and women who represent different ethnic backgrounds, various disabilities, and geographic regions of the state.



Preference is given to, but not limited to:

- Young adults who have developmental disabilities* (under age 40)
- Parents raising young or school aged children who have developmental disabilities.*

What happens if I am selected to participate?

Gaining information, strategies and skills is the key to the program. You will be expected to:

- Attend all sessions.
- Review material before and after each session, as well as complete homework assignments.
- Keep and turn in a record of time spent on activities.
- Set goals and form plans to create positive change in systems and services that affect people with disabilities.

Is there a fee to participate?

- No, there is no fee. Participants lodging and meals will be furnished at no cost.
- Participants will be reimbursed their travel mileage to and from sessions.
- Personal attendant care, facilitator services, child care, and respite care are expenses which may be reimbursed. These are determined on an individual basis.

*mental or physical disabilities beginning before age 22.